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The Honorable Herbert H. Lehman
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Lehman:

Thank you for your letter of 23 May 1956, requesting a report by this Agency on the matter of the disappearance of

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As you are aware, the Central Intelligence Agency, by statute, is precluded from the performance of any functions in the internal security field. Accordingly, we have confined our participation in this case to an effort to obtain evidence as to whether either is, or since his disappearance has been outside of the United States. To date, we have encountered no such evidence.

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You may be assured that this Agency is actively working on this matter, and will continue to cooperate with the appropriate agencies who are working on the internal security aspects of the case.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Herbert H. Lehman
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

I am in receipt of your letter of 23 May 1956 in which you inquire regarding action taken by the Central Intelligence Agency to establish the facts in the matter of the disappearance of [redacted] and with which you enclose copies of your exchange of correspondence with the Justice Department.

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This Agency is aware of the facts which have been ascertained regarding the [redacted] disappearance from [redacted] and has considered the accusations, allegations, hypotheses and rumors which have attended this case. To date, we have encountered no evidence that [redacted] either is or, since his disappearance, has been outside the United States. Consequently, I am unable to report to you regarding the facts in this case. You may be assured that any evidence acquired by this Agency which concerns the case in question either will be conveyed to the appropriate United States agency or, if a foreign locale is involved, will be pursued by the facilities of this Agency in accordance with its assigned responsibilities.

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Sincerely yours,

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ALLEN W. DULLES
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May 23, 1956

Honorable Allen W. Dulles, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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I am enclosing an exchange of correspondence which I have had with the Justice Department concerning the disappearance from [redacted] this correspondence is self-explanatory.

If you have any pertinent information on this subject which you can make available to me I would very much appreciate receiving a report. I would like also to inquire what, if anything, the CIA has done to establish the facts in the case.

Yours very sincerely,

Herbert H. Lehman

May 14, 1956

Honorable Herbert H. Lehman
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator:

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STAT This is in reply to your letter of April 18, 1956
urging investigation of the disappearance of [redacted]
[redacted]

STAT The FBI states that this matter is being investigated
by the [redacted] Police Department which is keeping the FBI
informed as to the progress of the inquiry. According to the FBI
no evidence has been developed of the possible commission of a
federal offense which would authorize a separate investigation.
The FBI advises that it will follow the inquiry closely and will
take appropriate action in the event facts are developed indicating
federal jurisdiction.

As to your inquiry relating to an investigation by the
Central Intelligence Agency, the FBI is keeping the CIA currently
advised in the matter. Accordingly, it may be that you will want
to communicate with the CIA for further information.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN V. LINDSAY
Exec. Ass't to the
Attorney General

April 18, 1956

Honorable Herbert Brownell, Jr.
Attorney General of the United States
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I do not know whether there has been brought to your attention the disappearance of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has been missing since March 12 of this year and newspaper reports suggest that he has been the victim of foul play. Moreover, it is strongly suggested by the circumstances surrounding his disappearance, as reported in the press, that the motive involved is political, based on the fact of [REDACTED] avowed opposition to the Trujillo regime in the Dominican Republic.

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I have met [REDACTED] on one or two occasions but know nothing about him other than what I have read in the newspapers. It seems to me, however, that this is a case into which the Justice Department should be looking. If the FBI is not already investigating this situation, I strongly urge that appropriate directions be given to the FBI. This case is one in which our national and international interests and relationships may be involved.

I would appreciate your advising me at an early date whether the FBI has looked into the case, and if not, whether you find it possible to direct the FBI to investigate [REDACTED] disappearance. Would there be any other security agencies in the Federal Government for whom it might be proper to investigate this case, under their statutory authority, such as the CIA?

Yours very sincerely,
HERBERT H. LEHMAN

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